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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 14 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action the drawings were objected to since the limitations of Claims 8, 12 and 13 were not illustrated. Claims 8, 12 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application thereby obviating the need for corrected drawings.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and Claims 1-14 were objected to because of informalities in Claim 1 and Claim 8. Claim 1 has been amended to correct the noted informality and to overcome the rejection of the claims as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph.

Since Claims 1-14 inclusive were indicated as being allowable is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, it is submitted that Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 14 are now in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that these claims be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office

Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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